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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 10429

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SUBJECT: KENYA/UGANDA JOINT COMMUNIQUE

REF: NAIROBI 8488

1. SUMMARY: KENYAN AND UGANDAN NEGOTIATORS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED 3-DAY MEETING HERE CONDERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF AUGUST BILATERAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED SUGGESTS IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT KENYA/UGANDA MINISTERIAL MEETING HELD IN NAIROBI LAST MONTH TWO SIDES AGREED THAT JOINT COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO EXAMINE CLAIMS BY RESPECTIVE PARTIES. FIRST MEETING OF NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE IN NAIROBI SEPTEMBER
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20-22 CO-CHAIED BY KENYAN FONMIN PERMSEC LEONARD KIBINGE

AND UGANDAN PERMSEC FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
ROBERT KITARIKO. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SEPTEMBER
22 INDICATES PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD IMPROVING
BILATERAL RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH, IN FACT, RESIDUE OF
MISTRUST REMAINS.

3. COMMUNIQUE NOTES THAT BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATIS-
FACTION WITH PROGRESS MADE SO FAR IN IMPLEMENTATION OF
PROVISIONS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND REAF-
FIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF CESSATION OF STATE OF
BELLIGERENCY, AND THREATS OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST EACH
OTHER. UGANDA REAFFIRMED IT HAS NO CLAIM OVER ANY
PART OF KENYAN TERRITORY. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT
COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY MUST BE
PAID AS PROVIDED IN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING,
AND THAT RESPECTIVE JUSTICE MINISTRIES SHOULD LIAISE
AND SUBMIT PROGRESS REPORT AT ONCE. COMMUNIQUE AN-
NOUNCED FORMATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES ON TRADE AND
DEBT SETTLEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION AND PROVIDED THAT
WHEN DEBTS ARE VERIFIED THEY ARE TO BE PAID IMMEDIATELY.

4. COMMUNIQUE FURTHER STATES THAT BOTH SIDES NOTED
THAT EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES IN BOTH COUNTRIES
HAVE EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS, AND THAT PROBLEMS SHOULD
BE LOOKED INTO BY BOTH SIDES. KENYA NOTED WITH SATIS-
FACTION THAT UGANDA HAD RESTORED FULL SUPPLY OF ELECTRI-
CITY. BOTH SIDES NOTED PROBLEMS OF PROVIDING CONSTANT
AND ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO UGANDA
AND AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH VIEW OF MINIMIZING THEM.
ALSO, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT 6-NATION OAU COMMISSION
SHOULD BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PROVISIONS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

5. COMMENT: TONE OF COMMUNIQUE IS DECIDEDLY UPBEAT.
LOCAL PRESS (STANDARD) CARRIES REPORT ON FINAL SESSION
OF TALKS CAPTIONED "KENYA, UGANDA FRIENDS AGAIN." IN-
DEED, KENYAN CO-CHAIRMAN KIBINGE TOLD AMBASSADOR GOK
BELIEVES UGANDAN NEGOTIATORS WERE SINCERE. QUESTION
REMAINS, KIBINGE SAID, AS TO WHETHER WHAT WAS AGREED
TO IN NAIROBI WILL BE OVERRULED IN KAMPALA. HE ADDED
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THAT NO ARMS SHIPMENT TO UGANDA WILL BE PERMITTED
UNTIL GOK SURE UGANDA WILL LIVE UP TO AGREEMENTS.

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